Claims:

1.   A biometric data submission system comprising:

input means for accepting the biometric data;

quality check means for verifying that the biometric data conforms to a submission standard;

communication means for sending the verified biometric data for processing and for accepting processing results; and

database means for storing the verified biometric data and the processing results.

2.   The biometric data submission system of claim 1 further comprising an output means for displaying data corresponding to the verified biometric data and the processing results.

3.   The biometric data submission system of claim 1 further comprising billing means for monitoring submissions and processing of said biometric data and for associating charges with said submissions and processing.

4.   The biometric data submission system of claim 3, wherein said communication means sends the biometric data for processing after the billing means detects a sufficient balance for an associated submitter to pay for said charges.

5.   The biometric data submission system of claim 1, wherein said biometric data acceptance input means comprises:

electronic data acceptance means for receiving and accepting electronically stored biometric data; and

physical data acceptance means for receiving physical biometric data and for converting said physical data to an electronic format for storage in said database means.

6.   The biometric data submission system of claim 1, whereby said submission standard is Electronic Fingerprint Transmission Specification (EFTS).

7.　　A program storage medium readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by a machine to perform a biometric data submission method, the method having steps comprising:

accepting the biometric data;

verifying that the biometric data conforms to a submission standard;

sending the verified biometric data for processing and for accepting processing results; and

storing the verified biometric data and the processing results.

8.　　The program storage medium of claim 7, whereby the performed biometric data submission method further comprises displaying data corresponding to the verified biometric data and the processing results.

9.　　The program storage medium of claim 7, whereby the performed biometric data submission method further comprises:

monitoring submissions and processing of said biometric data, and

associating charges with said submissions and processing.

10.　　The program storage medium of claim 9, whereby the performed biometric data submission method further comprises delaying the biometric data for processing until detection of a sufficient balance to pay for said charges.

11.　　The program storage medium of claim 7, whereby method step of accepting the biometric data comprises:

receiving and accepting electronically stored biometric data; and

receiving physical biometric data and converting said physical data to an electronic format for storage in said database means.

12.　　The program storage medium of claim 7, whereby said submission standard is Electronic Fingerprint Transmission Specification (EFTS).

13.   A biometric data submission method comprising:

accepting the biometric data;

verifying that the biometric data conforms to a submission standard;

sending the verified biometric data for processing and for accepting processing results; and

storing the verified biometric data and the processing results.

14.   The biometric data submission method of claim 13 further comprising displaying data corresponding to the verified biometric data and the processing results.

15.   The biometric data submission method of claim 13 further comprising:

monitoring submissions and processing of said biometric data, and

associating charges with said submissions and processing.

16.   The biometric data submission method of claim 15, wherein the biometric data is sent for processing after the billing means detects a sufficient balance for an associated submitter to pay for said charges.

17.   The biometric data submission method of claim 13, wherein the step of accepting the biometric data comprises

receiving and accepting electronically stored biometric data; and

receiving physical biometric data and converting said physical data to an electronic format for storage.

18.   The biometric data submission method of claim 13, whereby said submission standard is Electronic Fingerprint Transmission Specification (EFTS).